

I have pitched against the Athletics seven times this year. Three times they beat me and three times I won from them. Once I faced them after we had practically lost the game. My experience has been that, unless I am right in every sense of the word and able to pitch shut-out ball, they have beaten me.

I have often been asked if the Athletics have a batting weakness? If they have I never found it. Mack hasn't a weak batter on his team. Even his pitchers are dangerous in a pinch. I know this from experience.

Baker and McInnis are the most dangerous batsmen on the team. If either has a falling I don't know what it is. Both will go after bad balls and make base hits when a pitcher least expects it. Usually, too, they do this when a hit means a run.

Collins is another sterling batsman. A man has to pitch to him all the time. He seldom goes after one inside or outside, and when he gets the pitcher in a hole he will hit safely three times out of four.

Eddie Murphy, Oldring and Strunk are up there crowding the plate all the time. They are hard men to pitch to for many reasons. They may be fooled on a curve three times running, and the fourth time, when a run is needed, they will whale a hook for extra bases.

Schang and Lapp, the catchers, are good hitters, and Dannie Murphy, the pinch hitter, is a slugger always feared.

If Brown, Shawkey, Houck or Bush start in a world's series game and can hold the Giants to three runs, the Athletics will win every time. I look, though, for Bender and Plank to win the championship for the team.

Mathewson and Marquard will not fool the Athletics. Tesreau may do so, for he is a spitball pitcher and we have no first-class spitters in the league since Walsh had to quit.

The Athletics are a better all-round team at present than they were in 1911 when they last met the Giants.

## BOY OF SEVEN IS A VETERAN OF TWENTY BATTLES

New York, Sept. 26.—Boris Dimitrimozith, born in Boston of Bulgarian parents, though only 7 years old, is a veteran of twenty battles of the Balkan war. He was wounded on the field, was rescued by the Crown Prince of Bulgaria and was decorated for bravery by Czar Ferdinand.

When the war broke out, Dimitrimozith, living in Boston, went back to the fatherland to fight. Boris' mother is dead and so his father had to take him to the war. They made him a drummer boy and he was shot in the breast at Kirk Kilisseh.

Boris arrived on board the Oceana, wearing a soldier's uniform, even to a short sword, and on his breast was the star of the Order of St. Elizabeth.

## ANOTHER BODY MYSTERY

Central City, Col., Sept. 26.—While Joseph Watter, a miner, was engaged in repairing the roof of a house he rented last April he stumbled over a bundle of bedding, which on being unrolled brought to view the mummified body of an apparently new-born infant. Two other bundles contained the dried-up bodies of two more newly-born babes. About the necks of two of the bodies were strands of cloth apparently use to strangle them. A family which rented the house for 17 years vacated two years ago.

## WEAVERS' STRIKE THREATENED

Webster, Mass., Sept. 26.—A general strike of 4,000 weavers now working night and day on government contracts at the mills of S. Slater & Sons is threatened following the walk-out yesterday of 500 weavers from the south village mill. Strikers now receiving \$7 a week will demand the one-loom schedule, which would double their pay. They will attempt to make a personal appeal to Mabel Hunt Slater, whose late husband owned the mills.